

Metro Women's Bible Studies

1 Peter 1:6-12

Lesson 2

In these verses, Peter rapidly moved from the glories of salvation to grieving in trials. Yet, he chose to use words like **rejoice** and **glory**. Although God certainly allows for grieving and sorrow in trials, He also allows for and plans for rejoicing and glory. May we learn the blessing He intends for us.

DAY ONE: Read 1 Peter 1:6-12

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1. Read through 1 Peter Chapter 1:6-12 using your **Observation Worksheet** and another Bible translation if you so desire.

a. 1 Peter 1:6-12 is one section/paragraph. List below the subject(s) covered in this section.

Subjects(s)

2. How would you **title** this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** using your **Observation Worksheet**. (When titling, limit to about 5-6 words and use words from the text. For Example: From Peter to the Dispersed Pilgrims.

Title(s):

Verses 6-12

3. From Lesson 1 you should have already recorded the Key Words on your **KEY WORD** and **SYMBOL CHART**, and marked them on your **OBSERVATION WORKSHEET**. This week you will add **New to this lesson** key words your **CHART** and your **OBSERVATION WORKSHEET** each time they are used in 1 Peter 1:6-12.

****Key Words:** *Jesus, Spirit, faith, believing, grace, and salvation, God, suffering, trials, love, elect, precious, hope, incorruptible, glory/glories, the phrase according to, and any phrase referring to Jesus' future revelation.*

****New to this lesson:** *rejoice/joy*

4. As you go through this chapter you may come across verses that reveal “**Truths about God, Truths about Jesus, Truths about the Holy Spirit, Truths About the Believer, and Instructions.**” Write out what you discover about these in each of the **Worksheets** that have been provided for you. We will go over them on Day 6.

5. Two of the key subjects in this lesson that will be important to observe are **Faith & Believing**. The Greek words translated **faith** and **believing** are taken from the same root word (one is a noun; the other is a verb). Note the times you marked these words on your **Observation Worksheet** from 1 Peter Chapter 1 verses 1-12, and summarize what the text is teaching us about *faith* and *believing*.

Faith-

Believing-

a. **Using your concordance**, look up and write out the Greek words for **faith & believing**, and the English definition.

Faith-

Believing-

DAY TWO & THREE: 1 Peter 1:6-7

1. 1 Peter 1:6 begins with the phrase ***in this you greatly rejoice***, referring back to the statement made in the previous verse, 1 Peter 1:5. In what do we rejoice?

2. Look up and write out the following Greek words and English definitions:

a. **Trials** (temptations, KJV)-1 Peter 1:6

b. **Trial**-1 Peter 1:7

3. What can we **learn** from 1 Peter 1:6 about **trials**?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

4. When we are facing trials, **a little while** can seem like a very long time. How can viewing a trial in this manner be helpful? See 1 Peter 1:6

a. What does Lamentations 3:32-33 teach us about God and His place in our trials?

5. What does Verse 7 compare the **trial of our faith** to?

The word “**trial**” means “**approval**.” The comparison suggested by Dr. Kenneth Wuest is that of a prospector bringing ore in to be tested. The assayer gives him a certificate stating that the ore contains gold. The certificate is the approval of the ore, and this paper is worth much more than the little sample of ore that was tested. In the same way our faith is tested, a “sample” at a time; and the approval of our faith means that there are more riches to follow. The suffering we endure here will result in more glory when Christ comes. Knowing this, we love Him the more.

6. What is to be the end result of these trials and when is this result to be seen? See verse 7 & 8

7. What is to be your response to your Savior during these trials?

8. Our **trials** are not without purpose. Read 1 Peter 1:7 and share what some of God's purposes are for **trials**.

9. Look at the following passages and note how they relate to 1 Peter 1:6-9. Highlight or underline the words or phrases that reveal what your attitude should be in trials.

James 1:2-4 *“²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”*

James 1:12 *“¹²Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”*

Romans 5:1-5 *“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

10. When trials come how are you going to respond to them in light of what you have learned and studied to be true?

11. Fill in the blank. 1 Peter 1:7 *“that the genuineness of your faith, being much more _____ than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”*

a. How **precious** is your **faith** to God?

b. Using your concordance, look up and write out the Greek word and the English definition for the word **precious**.

Warren Wiersbe said, “A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted.”

DAY FOUR: Read 1 Peter 1:8,9

1. 1 Peter 1:8 continues the sentence that began in verse 6. **Whom** in verse 8 refers to Jesus. What does verse 8 tell us about the believer’s relationship with Jesus?

a. Share just a few reasons why you love Jesus.

2. Although we haven’t seen Jesus with our physical eyes, what does verse 8 say our faith causes us to do?

a. What does John 20:29 add to this?

3. What are some of the things that have brought you to the place of **rejoicing with joy** **inexpressible** since coming to a saving faith in Christ?

a. What can rob a believer of this truth of **rejoicing with joy inexpressible**?

4. As you review 1 Peter 1:8, notice the three ways we can be victorious in the midst of a trial. Find the three verbs in 1 Peter 1:8 that reveal the believer's part.

l _____

b _____

r _____

a. Why are these three components important when facing trials?

b. Which one of these do you find most difficult? Why?

5. In 1 Peter 1:9, Peter finished his sentence that began in verse 6, by pointing to the future. What is the **end of our faith**?

a. Our **faith** begins and ends with salvation – first being **justified**/being made right with God, then being **sanctified**/being made holy, then one day, being **glorified**/new bodies and new hearts. After that, **faith** will no longer be necessary. Our salvation will be complete in Christ. What are some of your thoughts as you consider *the end of your faith*?

DAY FIVE: Read 1 Peter 1:10-12

1. In 1 Peter 1:10-12 Peter turned his attention to the Old Testament prophets and their deep interest in the subject of **salvation**. They faithfully foretold future events, and diligently looked for the **promised Messiah** and the **hope of salvation**. Read the following verses and record one or two phrases that reveal this. Use other translations if it will help!

a. verse 10-

b. verse 11-

c. verse 12-

2. The prophets **testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow**. The word **glory** is a key word in this letter. How do we see the *glories that would follow* in these passages?

John 17:24

Luke 24:25-26

C. H. Spurgeon said, *“Prophets searched diligently, as miners seeking treasure; they prayed, and thought, and meditated, and exercised all their intellectual energies in the effort to comprehend the revelation which had been promised to them. The revelation came to the prophet from God; the prophet received it, but could not comprehend it in all its depth and height - he searched diligently.”*

3. Daniel was a remarkable example of this. Look up and record what you learn about Daniels searching heart.

Daniel 7:16

Daniel 9:2-3.

4. In what way does Daniel inspire you to search the scriptures diligently?

5. **Through** whom or **by** whom is the gospel preached? See 1 Peter 1:12

a. Why is it important to remember this?

6. Even **the angels desire to look into** these spiritual things (1 Peter 1:12d). Using your concordance, look up the words **desire & Look into**. Write out the Greek word and the English definition.

Desire-

Look into-

a. These angels and the Old Testament prophets were diligent seekers. They should be an example for us today. What resources do we have available to help us with this?

DAY SIX: Review 1 Peter 1:6-12

1. Share what you learned through this lesson by writing a comment or thought about:

Rejoicing

The trial of your faith

Salvation

Glory

2. What did **you** learn from 1 Peter 1:6-12?

3. Lets review what you learned from your worksheets: **“Truths about God, the Truths about Jesus, Truths about the Holy Spirit, Truths about the Believer, and Instructions.**

Romans 12:12 “...rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality”.